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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 24-26 and 28-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21, 24-26 and 28-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on November 07, 2005 has been entered. Claims 8, 11, 14, and 16 have been amended. Claims 22, 23, and 27 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-21, 24-26, and 28-35 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 6, 8, 14, 20, and 24 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-21, 24-26, and 28-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jones et al (US 6,195,422).

4. In regards to claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 16, 18, and 20, Jones discloses a call processing method for determining that a call has been call forwarded (See Abstract and col. 8 lines 39-55) comprising: sending an initial address message having a redirection counter set to a maximum allowed value at an origination switch (See Fig. 3 and originating switch/end office 12) (See col. 11-12 lines 56-6); receiving a response message in response to the initial address message (See col. 11 lines 25-47 and col. 13 lines 11-24); and analyzing the response message to determine if the call has been forwarded (See col. 11 lines 48-55 and col. 13-14 lines 44-6).

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5. In regards to claims 2, 3, 32, and 33, Jones discloses the call processing method and method of preventing forward calls from connecting, further comprising initiating fraud prevention activity (See col. 2-3 lines 58-3, col. 3 lines 28-37, and col. 5 lines 57-64).

6. In regards to claims 4 and 34, Jones discloses the call processing method, further comprising accessing a database to obtain information indicative of whether the call represents unauthorized use of a communications network (See col. 5 lines 57-64).

7. In regards to claims 5, 17, 21, 28, and 35, Jones discloses the call processing method and method of preventing forward calls from connecting, wherein the first initial address message is an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) User Part (ISUP) protocol Initial Address Message (See col. 13 lines 25-33).

8. In regards to claims 7, 13, 19, and 31, Jones discloses the call processing method and method of preventing forwarded calls from connecting, wherein the predetermined value is zero (See col. 2 lines 34-43 and col. 5 lines 57-64).

9. In regards to claims 8, 14, and 15, Jones discloses a method of processing a call (See Abstract and col. 8 lines 39-55), comprising: determining whether the call is a forwarded call, wherein determining includes sending a first initial address message having a redirection counter set to a maximum allowed value (See col. 11 lines 48-55, col. 11-12 lines 56-6, and col. 13-14 lines 44-6); responsive to a determination that the call is a forwarded call, preventing the call from being completed; and initiating fraud prevention activity (See col. 2-3 lines 58-3, col. 3 lines 28-37, and col. 5 lines 57-64).

10. In regards to claims 9, 12, 24, and 26, Jones discloses the method of processing a call and preventing forwarded calls from connecting, wherein the initiating fraud prevention activity comprises: determining whether a dialed telephone number (e.g. original dialed number/code number) is subject to a call restriction; determining a telephone station to which the call will be connected; testing a second telephone number (e.g. new dialed number/new code number) associated with the telephone station; and terminating the call if the second telephone number is subject to the call restriction (See col. 2 lines 50-57, col. 2-3 lines 58-3, col. 3 lines 28-37, and col. 5 lines 57-64).

11. In regards to claims 25, 29, and 30, Jones discloses the method of preventing forwarded calls from connecting, further comprising generating a release message indicating that the call could not be set up if the call is prevented from being connected to the second telephone station (See col. 2 lines 33-43, col. 2 lines 50-57, col. 2-3 lines 58-3, col. 3 lines 28-37, and col. 5 lines 57-64).

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments filed 11/07/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In regards to Applicant's Remarks/Arguments, Applicant is not arguing any specific limitations, which pertain to the present claims. Applicant is merely repeating the claim limitations, and stating that they are not found in the prior art. For example, Applicant states several times that the limitation of, "sending an initial address message having a redirection counter set to a maximum allowed value at an origination switch", is

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not taught or suggested in Jones. Applicant does not clearly or specifically argue this limitation, or state why she believes that this limitation is not taught or suggested by Jones. However, Jones does teach and suggest sending an initial address message having a redirection counter set to a maximum allowed value at an origination switch (See Fig. 3 and originating switch/end office 12) (See col. 11-12 lines 56-6).

Conclusion

13. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

14. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

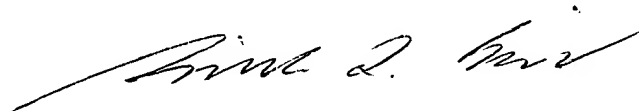
15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P. Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

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16. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

17. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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